tourist place in Madhya Pradesh with rail-line was undertaken by Govt. ;

(b) if so, by when the work on this project is likely to commence ; and

(c) what are the other places in Madhya Pradesh which are likely to be included in the survey of new railway lines ; whether Govt. also propose to connect Rewa and Jagdalpur (both divisional headquarters) with Mandla and Ambikapur (district headquarters) with rail lines in future ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) Survey for Lalitpur-Khajurho-Satna, Khajuraho-Madhoba and Rewa-Sidhi-Singrauli (491km) has been taken up and is likely to be completed during 92-93. The proposed alignment will also cover Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur and Panna in Madhya Pradesh. Further action will be taken based on results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years. There is no proposal to connect Rewa and Jagdalpur with Mandla and Ambikapur.

Retrenchment of railway employees

3705. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE :
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Efficiency and Research Directorate set up by the Railway Board has recently recommended retrenchment of 4 lakh employees in all the Zonal railways ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the total number of vacant posts in the railways at present, Zone-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

उत्तर प्रदेश में अपर्याप्त रेल सेवाएं

3706. **मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में वे कौन-कौन से स्थान-क्षेत्र हैं जहां रेल सेवाएं अपर्याप्त हैं;

(ख) सरकार इस समस्या से निपटने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) सरकार को इस वर्ष ऐसे कितने अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं जिनमें अमरोहा सहित उत्तर प्रदेश में और अधिक रेल सुविधाएं दिए जाने का अनुरोध किया गया है तथा ये अभ्यावेदन किस प्रकार के हैं;

(घ) उन पर क्या कार्यवाही की गई है; और

(ङ) क्या सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश में कुछ नई रेलगाड़ियां शुरू करने का विचार रखती है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन) : (क) और (ख) उत्तर प्रदेश में ऐसे कोई विशेष स्थान/क्षेत्र नहीं हैं जहां रेल सेवाएं अपर्याप्त हों। तथापि, देश के विभिन्न भागों में (उत्तर प्रदेश सहित) अतिरिक्त रेल सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है जो परिचालनिक व्यावहारिकता, संसा-

धनों की उपलब्धता तथा यातायात के औचित्य पर निर्भर करती हैं।

(ग) और (घ) इस तरह के आंकड़े नहीं रखे जाते हैं। तथापि, सभी अभ्यावेदनों, जब कभी प्राप्त होते हैं, की विधिवत जांच की जाती हैं तथा उन पर उपयुक्त कार्यवाई की जाती हैं।

(ङ) वाराणसी और गोरखपुर के बीच 01/07/92 से एक नई इंटर सिटी एक्सप्रेस गाड़ी चलाई जा रही हैं।

Suburban Trains of Eastern Railway

3707. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received repeated representations from the commuters of suburban trains of Eastern Railways for improving the conditions of the local trains ;

(b) whether it is a fact that these trains are properly not serviced and cleaned daily ;

(c) whether no face-lift is done at least once in a year with proper paintings, seating arrangements, provisions of electrical fans and other passenger amenities ;

(d) if so, the details thereof ; and

(e) what steps Government propose to taketo improve the local trains of Eastern Railway during 1992-93 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. The Railway authorities make all possible efforts to ensure proper servicing, cleaning and daily washing of the EMU rakes before their turn out from sheds and stabling sidings for traffic use. The repairs overhaul of equipments, proper painting both exterior and interior, making good deficient items and testing of the EMU raakes is carried out at Kancharapara workshop at the time of periodic overhaul every 18 months. In additions to above, intermediate overhaul of EMU rakes is also done every 9 months.

(e) Steps proposed to be taken to improve local train services during 1992—93 are :—

(i) Progressive conversion of balance 8 car rakes into 9 car rakes to increase passenger capacy in existing rakes.

(ii) Additional car shed at Bandel for better maintenance.

Chaddha Committee Reports

3708. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Committee headed by Shri D.V. Chaddha Adviser (Planning), Railways constituted to go into the Railways has submitted its report ;

(b) if so, what are the main observations and recommendations made in the report ; and

(c) what decisions have been taken in the light thereof and the action taken thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

कोंकण रेल का कार्य

3709. **डा० बापू कालदाते** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कोंकण रेल का अब तक कितना कार्य पूरा हो चुका है; और